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On page 8, line 11 replace "link." with --link; and-- ; and

On page 8, line 12 insert the following sub-paragraph:

--Figure 8 shows a functional block diagram of an adapter configured to transmit and receive differential signals.--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Commensurate with the amendments to the specification, Applicants concurrently herewith submit one (1) sheet of FORMAL Drawings (Figure 8) for the Examiner's approval. The omission of Figure 8 was an oversight and no deception was intended in not submitting Figure 8 with the original patent application. Figure 8 was fully described in the specification. Accordingly, this drawing amendment does not add new matter.

Applicants refer to the detailed description appearing between sheet 17, line 9 and sheet 18, line 4 of the specification. Included in this section is a detailed description of the preferred embodiment as depicted in the omitted Figure 8. Applicants also wish to draw Examiner's attention to related applications, Serial No. 09/596,980 and Serial No. 09/597,190. Both applications were filed on the same day as the present application and are technically related to the same subject matter. In the former application, a substantially identical description appears between sheet 17, line 9 and sheet 18, line 4 of the specification. In the latter application, a substantially identical description appears between lines 1 and 19 of sheet 18 of the specification. The same Figure 8 included herein was submitted as part of the original Formal Drawing package for both of those applications. Applicants contend therefore, that the same Figure 8 should be

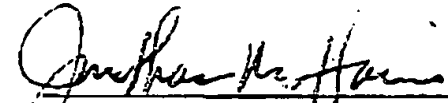
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included with the formal drawings for the present application. Applicants further reiterate that Figure 8 does not add new matter and was not intentionally omitted from the original application.

Consideration of the application, approval of the proposed drawing amendment, and entry thereof are requested.

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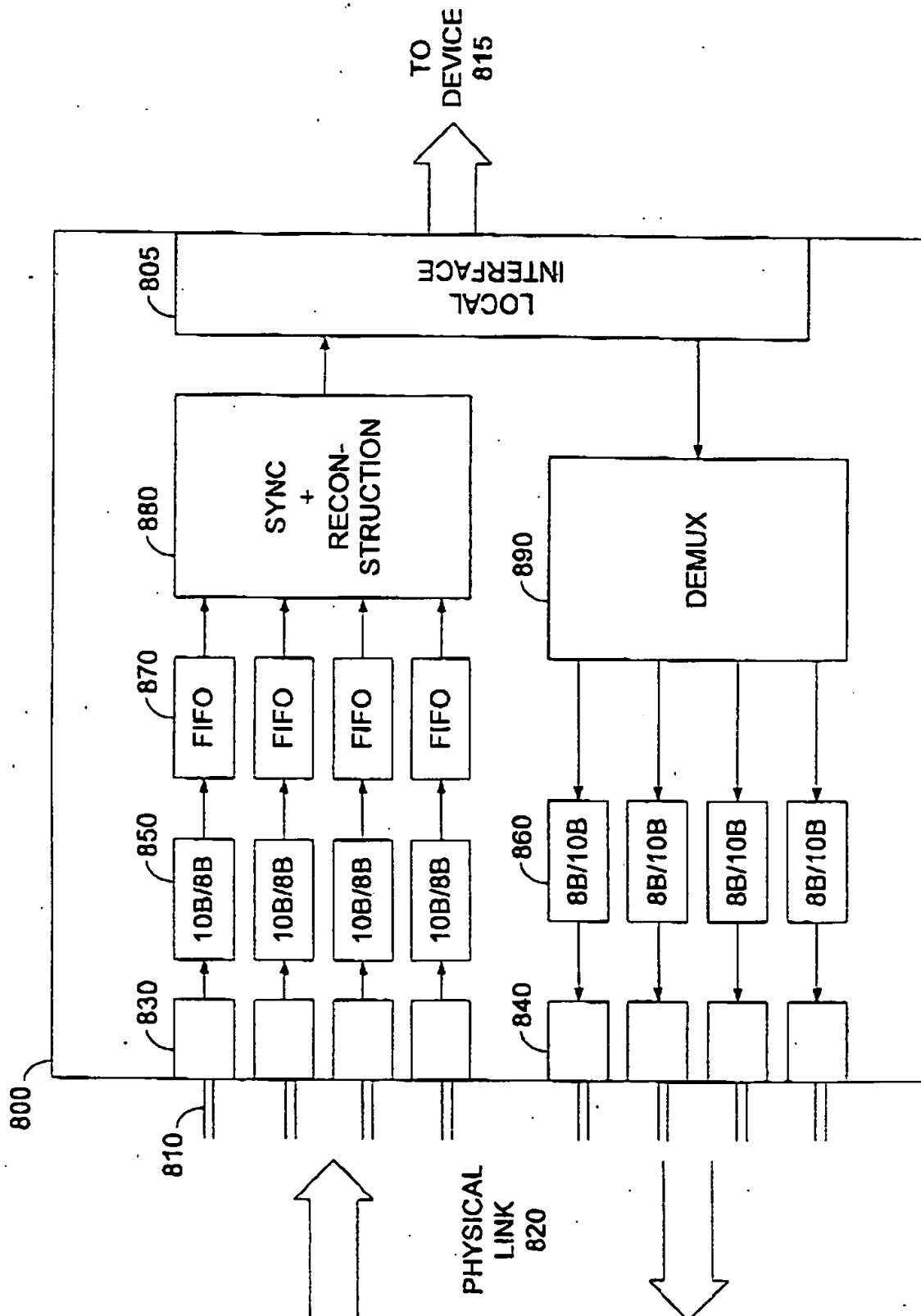


FIG. 8